

Application No. 10/663,134
Amendment Dated July 29, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated July 19, 2004

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the Specification is amended (as described in detail below) and Claim 8 is amended. Claims 20-26 have been cancelled in response to a restriction requirement. It should be understood that Claims 1-6 have been canceled only to expedite the prosecution of this application and their cancellation should not be interpreted as an admission that they are not patentable. To the contrary, these canceled claims are believed to be patentable and will be the subject of a continuation application to be filed shortly. Claims 8-19 are pending.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the allowance of Claims 16-19.

Applicant corrected typographical errors that occurred in the paragraphs spanning pages 2-3. In the paragraph on page 2, lines 9-24, the word "of" was added on line 20. In the next paragraph, a closing parenthesis ")" was added in line 33 on page 2.

Applicant affirms the election of Claims 8-19 which were made during a telephone conference with the Examiner on July 8, 2004.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because Fig. 6C, referred to on page 7, line 34 is missing. In response to this objection, Fig. 6C is a typographical error in that there was no Fig. 6C. To that end, Applicant has amended the Specification to remove the reference to Fig. 6C.

The Examiner identified the Specification as non-compliant with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, due to use of the sentence at page 3, lines 15-16 regarding the incorporation by reference of all references cited herein. To that end, Applicant has deleted this language from the Specification

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and Applicant respectfully submits that the Specification is compliant with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

The Examiner has objected to Claims 8-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be willing to allow these claims if they were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. To that end, Applicant has amended Claim 8 accordingly.

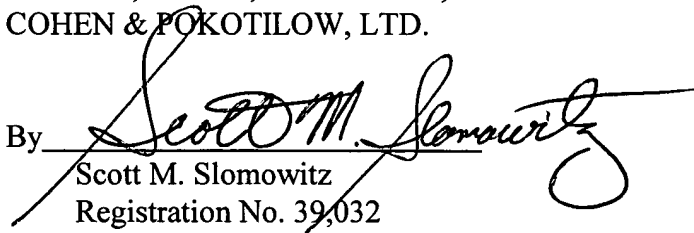
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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